

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: CANNULA WITH ASSOCIATED  
     FILTER AND METHODS OF USE  
     DURING CARDIAC SURGERY

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office action mail April 3, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.